

Property Tax Relief Fund (MHDS Regional Funding)



Purpose	The Property Tax Relief Fund is used to provide needed funding to the Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) Regions for non-Medicaid funded MHDS.
Who Is Helped	<p>The MHDS Regions are required to ensure a set of core services are available to all Iowans with mental illness or intellectual disability in the region. MHDS Regions must also fund services in the additional core service domains if public funds are available. The MHDS Regions are responsible for funding services that are not payable by the medical assistance program or other insurance coverage.</p> <p>Eligible individuals include those who have a mental illness (MI) and/or an intellectual disability (ID) and who have met financial eligibility requirements as identified in Iowa Administrative Code 441 IAC 25.16.</p> <p>After the MHDS Region has ensured that core services are provided to individuals with a mental illness (MI) and/or an intellectual disability (ID), the MHDS Region may provide services to individuals with a brain injury and/or other developmental disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>MHDS Regions are generally meeting core service requirements as well as meeting the vast majority of the access standards for those services.</i> ✓ <i>MHDS Regions have used their fund balances to add more than 30 additional core service programs, such as crisis intervention-jail diversion. MHDS Regions are adding tele-psychiatry and satellite clinics to increase availability of services through the region.</i>
Services	<p>The MHDS Regions are required to ensure access to a set of core services for individuals that have a MI and/or ID including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment • Basic crisis response • Support for community living • Recovery services • Service coordination <p>After an MHDS Region has ensured that core services are available to individuals with MI and/or ID, the region may provide additional core services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive facility and community based crisis services • Sub-acute community and facility based services • Justice system involved services • Advanced evidenced based treatment
Goals & Strategies	<p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support MHDS Regions in making required core services available to their eligible residents. • Ensure services in the additional core service domains listed in Iowa Code 331.397(6) are available to eligible residents of the MHDS Regions. • Further reduce or eliminate the need for state cases by providing MHDS Regions sufficient funds to cover current exceptions to residency with their existing funds. • Potentially require expanded services to additional populations.

	<p>Strategy: There is insufficient information to make a general fund budget request for MHDS Region sustainable funding in SFY17. DHS recommends that, once SFY15 MHDS Region funding and service delivery data is known in December 2015, a process be explored to provide ongoing sustainable funding to MHDS Regions based on the funding need that remains after MHDS Region and county MHDS fund balances are depleted over time. DHS encourages such a process include requiring MHDS Regions to provide services in the additional core service domains and, perhaps, additional populations of developmental disability and brain injury. This process should also consider changes to Iowa Code to eliminate exceptions to establishing residency and state cases.</p>
Legal Basis	<p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iowa Code 426B, 331.424A, 331.397